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Gaetano T. Montelione et al. :  
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Title: RIBOSOMAL RNA METHYLTRANSFERASES : Examiner:  
RlmA: TARGET VALIDATION AND : Amber D. Steele  
PROCESSES FOR DEVELOPING AN :  
INHIBITOR ASSAY AND IDENTIFICATION :  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This response is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on March 9,  
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